

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

Gary Yaghyazarian

Case # 2:22-cv-01339-CDS-VCF

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

Progressive Direct Insurance Company, an  
Ohio Corporation

Defendant(s).

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR  
PERMISSION TO PRACTICE  
IN THIS CASE ONLY BY  
ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED  
TO THE BAR OF THIS COURT  
AND DESIGNATION OF  
LOCAL COUNSEL**

FILING FEE IS \$250.00

[ECF No. 68]

Christopher Berman,  
(name of petitioner)

, Petitioner, respectfully represents to the Court:

1. That Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of

Shamis and Gentile, P.A.

(firm name)

with offices at 14 NE 1st Avenue, Suite 705

(street address)

Miami

(city)

Florida

(state)

33132

(zip code)

305-479-2299

(area code + telephone number)

cberman@shamisgentile.com

(Email address)

2. That Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the law firm by

Plaintiffs'

[client(s)]

to provide legal representation in connection with

the above-entitled case now pending before this Court.

3. That since September 25, 2018, Petitioner has been and presently is a  
 (date)  
 member in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of the State of Florida  
 (state)  
 where Petitioner regularly practices law. Petitioner shall attach a certificate from the state bar or  
 from the clerk of the supreme court or highest admitting court of each state, territory, or insular  
 possession of the United States in which the applicant has been admitted to practice law certifying  
 the applicant's membership therein is in good standing.

4. That Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States District  
 Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States and Courts  
 of other States on the dates indicated for each, and that Petitioner is presently a member in good  
 standing of the bars of said Courts.

Court	Date Admitted	Bar Number
<u>Southern District of Florida</u>	<u>08/2022</u>	<u>1010654</u>

5. That there are or have been no disciplinary proceedings instituted against petitioner,  
 nor any suspension of any license, certificate or privilege to appear before any judicial, regulatory  
 or administrative body, or any resignation or termination in order to avoid disciplinary or  
 disbarment proceedings, except as described in detail below:

None

6. That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada. (Give particulars if ever denied admission):

None

7. That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the following Bar Associations.

None

8. Petitioner has filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule IA 11-2 (formerly LR IA 10-2) during the past three (3) years in the following matters: (State "none" if no applications.)

Date of Application	Cause	Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator	Was Application Granted or Denied
None			

(If necessary, please attach a statement of additional applications)

9. Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.

10. Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of the members of the bar of this court.

11. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.

That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Court  
FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.

STATE OF Florida }  
COUNTY OF Miami Dade }

Petitioner's signature

Christopher Berman, Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:  
That the foregoing statements are true.

Petitioner's signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

17 day of October, 2023

Stephanie Babani  
Notary Public or Clerk of Court



**DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO  
THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND CONSENT THERETO.**


Pursuant to the requirements of the Local Rules of Practice for this Court, the Petitioner believes it to be in the best interests of the client(s) to designate Gustavo Ponce,  
(name of local counsel)  
Attorney at Law, member of the State of Nevada and previously admitted to practice before the above-entitled Court as associate resident counsel in this action. The address and email address of said designated Nevada counsel is:

6787 W. Tropicana Ave., Suite 250,  
(street address)  
Las Vegas, Nevada, 89103,  
(city) (state) (zip code)  
800-400-6808, gustavo@kazlg.com,  
(area code + telephone number) (Email address)

1 By this designation the petitioner and undersigned party(ies) agree that this designation constitutes  
 2 agreement and authorization for the designated resident admitted counsel to sign stipulations  
 3 binding on all of us.

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 5 **APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED RESIDENT NEVADA COUNSEL**

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 7 The undersigned party(ies) appoint(s) Gustavo Ponce, Esq. as  
 8 his/her/their Designated Resident Nevada Counsel in this case.  
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 11 GARY YAGHYAZARIAN (Oct 17, 2023 19:17 PD)  
 12 (party's signature)

13 Gary Yaghyazarian  
 14 (type or print party name, title)

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 16 Elena Thormahlen (Oct 20, 2023 15:05 PDT)  
 17 (party's signature)

18 Elena Thormahlen  
 19 (type or print party name, title)

20 **CONSENT OF DESIGNEE**

21 The undersigned hereby consents to serve as associate resident Nevada counsel in this case.

22   
 23 Designated Resident Nevada Counsel's signature

24 15084  
 25 Bar number

26 Gustavo@kazlg.com  
 27 Email address

28 APPROVED:

Dated: this 20th day of October, 2023.

  
 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE